Cooperation Agreement

between

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

and the

Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"):

STEMMING from their desire to strengthen ties of friendship between the two countries and their peoples, develop bilateral cooperation, and promote cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, investment, education, science, culture, media, tourism, as well as youth and sports;

RECOGNIZING the potential benefits of cooperation for both countries in accordance with their applicable laws.

Have agreed to the following:

Article 1:

The Contracting Parties shall promote economic, commercial, and investment cooperation between the two countries and between their citizens of natural or cooperate personality. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. Cooperation in all economic fields, including industrial, petroleum, mineral, petrochemical, agricultural, livestock, tourism, and health projects.
- 2. Exchange of knowledge and technical expertise necessary for specific cooperation programs.

Article 2:

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to promote, expand, and diversify their trade relations in accordance with the international trade system.

Article 3:

- 1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate citizens' investments in all fields except those excluded under their respective domestic laws.
- 2. The Contracting Parties shall encourage investment projects subject to investment laws in force in both countries.
- 3. The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to conclude an agreement to encourage and protect investment in both countries.

Article 4:

- The Contracting Parties shall promote the exchange of visits of representatives and delegates, as well as economic, commercial, and technical missions, whether government, public, or private.
- 2. The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate the participation in trade exhibitions held in both countries.

The Contracting Parties shall encourage:

- Cooperation in the fields of education, research, science, and technology through the exchange
 of information in areas of mutual interest as well as of information relating to scientific and
 technological research; exchange of visits between officials, researchers, experts, and
 technicians; training of researchers and assistant technicians; and participation in scientific
 symposia and conferences of common interest;
- Cooperation in the field of culture, sports, and youth affairs through coordination of stances in international forums, and exchange of programs between sports and youth institutions, societies, and federations, as well as the exchange of visits and expertise between officials in charge of youth and sports affairs;
- Cooperation in the field of visual, audio, and print media through the exchange of visits and expertise in programmes and related technologies between public and private media institutions; the exchange of audio, visual, and printed materials; and participation in relevant festivals; and
- 4. Tourism in the two countries by exchanging tourist information, as well as group and individual tourists from both countries.

Article 6:

The Contracting Parties agree not to use exchanged information except for purposes designated thereby. Each party shall undertake not to disclose any such information to a third party without the written consent of the other party.

Article 7:

The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to conclude separate agreements in specific fields of common interest, as needed.

Article 8:

The Contracting Parties shall, if necessary, form a joint committee to monitor the implementation of the abovementioned agreements.

Article 9:

- This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of the last notification exchanged through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of ratification procedures.
- 2. The term of this Agreement shall be five years, commencing from the date of its entry into force, to be automatically renewed for a consecutive period(s) of one year unless either party notifies the other in writing of its desire to terminate it at least six months prior to the date of termination.
- 3. In case of termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall remain valid for ongoing programs, projects, or agreements established thereunder and contracts and obligations arising therefrom; rights arising therefrom that have not yet been settled in accordance with its provisions; and settlement of financial dues and obligations existing prior to termination, whether involving governments, or natural or corporate persons.
- 4. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through negotiation and consultation between the Parties.



Done in Riyadh on 26/4/1445, corresponding to 10/11/2023, in two original copies in Arabic and English languages, all copies being equally authentic.

For the Government of	For the Government of
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	The Republic of Sierra Leone